Rain, rain glorious rain. Can I begin this fortnight’s edition by saying “how good is the rain we have had over the past 4 days”? The school has been acutely aware of the effects of the recent drought and the impacts it has been having on families in our community. Although I don’t believe this recent rain event has broken the drought it has certainly provided some relief to the community and those people who make their living off the land.

Given it is the end of Term 1, I have included this terms attendance figures for the entire school and for individual classes. The Department and Wheatlands State School strongly advocates the “every day counts” mantra. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and that contact is made with the school office to explain any absences. I have supplied a copy of the departments roll marking in state school documents which highlights codes and is used by schools to determine whether excuses for absences are considered as reasonable.

Overall attendance for Term 1 for all year levels is 95.3%. This is well above the state and national averages.

Prep 95.5%, Year 1 95.7%, Year 2 96.7%, Year 3 95.4%, Year 4 94.5%, Year 5 92.9%

Year 6 96.6% Year 7 92.1%

As a school our female students have an attendance rate of 95.3% and boys 95.2%.

Unfortunately due to the poor weather conditions last night, the P&C AGM has been postponed to early in Term 2. The school’s Annual Implementation Plan has been endorsement by the region, additionally the Director General for Education has signed off on the schools Great Results Guarantee, resulting in an additional $23,386 into the school budget.

The school took possession of 12 new laptops for class use on Wednesday this week. This brings the total number of mobile learning devices to 50 which means we have a ratio of 1 device for every 2 students. This dramatically increases the ability for teachers to engage students in an ICT rich environment.

With the Easter break approaching next week I would like to congratulate every student on their great start to the year. I have been very impressed with the attitude and dedication to studies that the large majority of our students have shown.

Students across the school will, next Friday participate in rewards activities. These activities do not run for the entire day and only comprise part of the day. Students who have not met the expectations for rewards activities will continue with work covered during normal class lessons with adult supervision. Class teachers will communicate invitations and activities for these days.

Yours in Education

Daniel Bishop

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It has been another busy week of sounds, letters, words and reading in literacy rotations. This week we looked at the letters ‘Ll’ and ‘Ff’ in Prep and the diagraph ‘sp’ in Year 1. In Maths Preps are exploring location and position, Year 1’s are completing simple addition. In Science we looked at the lifecycle of the frog.

In ‘Show and Tell’ this week students have been sharing their favourite book character with the class. In this activity we have looked at a varying array of interesting and entertaining picture books.

Next week I will be away on Wednesday and Thursday at regional professional development sessions in Toowoomba- Mrs Rebecca Mirchin will replace me.

On Friday, next week, Miss Sullivan’s class will join with us for a ‘disco’ as our end of term reward celebration, look out for the rewards invitation in your child’s folder today.

**Week 8 Green Slips- Ryan and Sarah**
**Bookwork Award- Leo**

**Week 9 Green Slips- Leo, Haley, Shaelee**
**Bookwork Award- Amber W**

**Mrs Alex Brimblecombe**

**1-2 Class News**

**ENGLISH**
Students continue to complete a number of questions related to what they have read. They will then share their book with the class in an informal presentation. The presentation part of this assessment will no doubt continue into week 1, Term 2.

**LECTURETTE**
Yesterday and today all the students completed their lecturettes – “What’s My Talent?” I would like to share that all students exceeded my expectations and performed beautifully. For many this was a new experience. It was wonderful to learn my students’ talents and to watch as they confidently shared these skills with their peers. Congratulations to all my students, you always make Mrs Webber and myself proud J Please check your child/ren’s Communication Books for copies of the Guide to Making Judgements (Marking Sheet).

**MATH**
Revision, revision … did I say “REVISION” ??? Students have been revising all our Math concepts from Term 1. We have a large Term 1 test to complete. Students will begin the test on Monday and will continue to work through the test into Tuesday, week 10. Fingers crossed that I will have a summary of results in the Communication Book by the end of the week J Mathletics Certificates have been displayed on the outside of our classroom. Congratulations to those students who have been working extra hard to complete the online lessons. Rory Scott and Cooper Mollenhauer have both picked prizes from our prize draw for attaining the most weekly points in Mathletics, well done.

**SCIENCE**
During week 10, students will complete an assessment on our unit, “Spot the Difference”. The assessment will cover the experiments we have completed during lessons and will reflect on a range of vocabulary and meanings.

**GEOGRAPHY**
Students have been completing their assessment task this week and will complete the final section Monday afternoon, week 10. This involves:

- Students identifying and describing natural, managed and constructed features of places using every day language (completed week 9).
- Taking photos with the school’s digital camera to demonstrate their understanding (Thanks to the parents who have taken the time to complete this section at home with their children and to the students who have taken their photos during their lunch hour).
- Identify and explain that spaces can be arranged for different purposes and represent these locations with the images provided on the assessment task sheet. (to complete)

Cont.
1-2 Class News—Cont.

ART
Students got a “little” messy last week during out Rangoli Art session. We loved dyeing our grains and seeds! The colours are so vibrant and will look brilliant on our works of art. The Term has flown by so fast .. We are hoping to have these finished before holidays but will complete them week 1, Term 2 if need be.

FUN, FUN, FUN, FUN & MORE FUN !!!!!!!
Next week is our FINAL week for the term. Along with a busy start to the week (completing assessments) we have also planned a lot of FUN!!

Please read the following schedule carefully:

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<td>Last Day – Craft Activity in the morning &amp; Rewards Activity - Disco Fever (1:30-3pm) to conclude the day (Check Communication Books to see if your child was invited to attend the Rewards Activity).</td>
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**Please note that Easter Craft Activities can and will be adapted for some students**

HIGH EXPECTATIONS HANDWRITING AWARD
Week 8 – Olivia Ashley
Week 9 – Clair Anderson

GREEN SLIPS
Week 8 – Luke Greer, Lacy Lee an
Week 9 – Julia Kerkow, River Cook and Jorgia Brown.

Miss Sarah Sullivan.

Year 3-4 News 😊

Only one week of Term 1 to go, we are very much looking forward to our rewards day. We are going to be participating in a Photo Challenge on Friday the 4th April.

In English, we have completed all of the assessment for our Poetry Unit this week. We have finished writing our poems, typing up palm cards, rehearsing and then performing our poems in front of the class. We chose a favourite setting and described the sounds, feelings, and sights of this place. Many children chose the beach but we also had the pleasure of listening to poems about the bush, barn, rainforest, glass house mountains, Murgon and the football field. I have to congratulate all the children on their hard work and effort in English this term. We will spend the last week of school working on our writing skills.

In Maths, we have finished our unit on multiplication and division and last Friday we completed our maths assessment. Students have come a long way in one Term with their multiplication skills. They continue to work hard on their speed time tables 4 days a week. We will be working on patterns for the last two weeks of school and will continue this in the beginning of Term 2.

In Geography, we completed our first piece of assessment this week. Students had to label a map and legend, find the direction of travel and use grid references. We have really enjoyed Geography this term and will continue with this unit in Term 2. We will now move on to studying climate types.

In Science this week we went on a Reptile scavenger hunt and discovered some fascinating facts about these animals. Did you know that geckos eat their own skin? We also did some research on the internet. We chose an animal and googled 10 interesting facts about these animals. Some of the information we found was unbelievable!

See you next week for the final week of Term 1!

Erin Hubbard
We are so proud of the effort our children have put in to their lecturettes! Improve your knowledge on some of the world’s most famous geographical features from our list of favourite facts!

Shiannah–the Grand Canyon is thought to be older than 70 million years, Tommy- 65% of Australia’s bat and butterfly species live in the Daintree Rainforest, Teai- Uluru is 1142 feet above the plains, BJ-The Dead Sea is 377m deep, Aiden-The Giants Causeway is formed from 40,000 interlocking basalt columns, Claire- There is a jet stream at the top of Mt Everest, Grace- Kakadu is the home of Leichardts grasshoppers, Matthew- The English Channel is 350 miles long, Mackenzie- Rotorua is a Maori word, Teagan- a massive explosion by Mt Etna killed people from Sicily, Tara-Mt Fuji is the most prominent mountain in the world, Claudia- The Great Barrier Reef is made of organisms, plankton fish and coral, Damian- Wave Rock has been around since before the dinosaurs, Matt- Gator hunters only hunt for 30 days a year and they earn most of their yearly income from this, Cassie-Victoria Falls is in Africa, Jake- there can be up to 10 inches of rain in 24 hours at Milford Sound, Chris- The Amazon Rainforest is home to more than 800 species of mammals, Sharleigh- the 12 Apostles change colour during sunrise and sunset, Caitlyn- The colours at Marble Cave change between red and white, Kurtis- Devils Marbles shrink at night and expand in the day, Kaylea- the Glasshouse Mountains are over 30 million years old, Clancy- The Sahara is the 3rd largest desert in the world, Ella- The longest glacier in the world is 515km long.

Libby Meikle

ICCY CUPS $1
Sarsparilla, Orange, Raspberry, Lime

Library News

This term we had a book focus and learnt about ‘characterization’. The students really enjoyed the shared reading of ‘The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore’ by William Joyce. We also created our own character kites which look fantastic and are now proudly hanging in the library on display.

I would like to thank my special ‘student librarians’ this term for doing a fantastic job. Claudia Frahm, Cassie Kennedy, Molly Anderson, Denim Brown, Jari Davis and Samantha Hetherington. These students have been a great help on Wednesdays lunchtime and I look forward to a new group of student librarians for term 2. Please see me if you are interested to put your name in the box.

On Wednesday 2nd April (next Wednesday), during second break I will be running my second craft activity for the term. It will be an Easter activity, so students are encouraged to come along if they are interested in making a paper bag Easter bunny.

All the students have been really enjoying using the library during lunch time, which is now open every day. Students can colour, read, watch TV, play games and lego. It’s also just a great place to unwind and relax.

DATE CLAIMER – Next term Wheatlands will be once again hosting a ‘Book Fair’ from Monday 5th to Friday 9th May. The theme for this year is ‘Reading Oasis’. Book Fair will be open every day during that week. There will be some great prizes to give away and as always, lots of beautiful, quality books on sale. Hope to see you there!

Tracy Anderson
Teacher Librarian

BARAMBAH SS CROSS COUNTRY / BALL GAMES @ Cloyna SS
April 24, 2014
TUCKSHOP MENU

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P & C NEWS -

Centenary memorabilia items are available for sale from the office. Please see our school website for details.

Next Meeting - Due to poor weather the AGM has been postponed until early Term 2—date to be advised.

We would love for as many parents as possible to attend, newcomers and old, if anyone has any questions please feel free to chat to our committee;

President - Julie Brown 0429 059 131 browntonyjulie@gmail.com
Secretary - Ngaire Louis 0467 684 850 theflyz@bigpond.com
Treasurer - Kieran Ramke 0400 689 872 akramke@bigpond.com

Julie Brown
P&C President

Barambah Cluster Support Team
Administration Officer AO2
Based at Murgon State School
A position for 20 hours per fortnight is required to provide clerical and administrative support to a team of cluster based specialist officers. This position will commence Term 2 2014 till 12 December 2014.

Applicants should have the required skills for general office duties. We are seeking a responsible, reliable person with good communication skills. Good computer skills (Word, Excel and Powerpoint) are also essential.

Application packages are available at Murgon State School from 8:00am to 4:00PM Monday to Friday.

Applications close Wednesday 2 April 2014 and can be mailed to Murgon State School Campus, Attention Nanette Smith Business Services Manager, PO Box 213, Murgon Q 4605. Successful applicants will be contacted for an interview.

For further information please contact:
Nanette Smith
(Business Services Manager)
Murgon State School Campus
Telephone 41698333

Kids on tour with Cai Guo-Qiang
Free family Fun at the Wondai Art Gallery on Saturday 12th April from 9.30am to 1pm.
Take part in creative activities developed by artist Cai Guo-Qiang. Ages 6-11 years.
Please call Wondai Art Gallery for more details on 4168 5926

WELL DONE!
One of our very clever parents, Bronwyn Hales has written a children's book “10 Wobbling Wombats”
Copies of the book can be purchased from Collins Bookstore in Kingaroy Shopping World or online at Q.B.D with free delivery.
R.R.P. $9.95

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